

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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July 02, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF THE RIMGROVE PARK RECYCLED WATER RETROFIT PROJECT TO BE PERFORMED BY THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

(SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT 1) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept the recycled water retrofit improvement project valued at approximately \$100,000 to be performed by the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find the Rimgrove Park Recycled Water Retrofit Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project involves replacement of existing facilities and for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
- 2. Authorize the construction, operation and maintenance of a recycled water connection and pipeline system at Rimgrove County Park.
- 3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or his designee to accept the improvement project valued at approximately \$100,000 to be performed by Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.
- 4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a letter of thanks to the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District for their generous donation in form similar to the attached draft letter.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to accept a generous donation for this improvement project to be performed by the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Upper District) valued in the amount of approximately \$100,000.

The project will allow the Department to utilize recycled water for irrigation purposes at Rimgrove Park by converting use of potable water to recycled water and this will ultimately assist in the conversion of potable water supplies with the Main San Gabriel Basin while providing the Department with a reliable source of water for irrigation.

<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 2), by providing for the use of recycled water at Rimgrove Park.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact to the County. The Recycled Water Project will be completed at the expense and responsibility of the Upper District. Upon approval of the recommended actions and after completion of the project, the donation to the County is valued at approximately \$100,000.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Based on the recommended actions, the Department does not anticipate any additional one-time or ongoing costs. The provisions of the project have operating and maintenance requirements which will be fulfilled with existing park staff and resources.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County policy requires that donations of \$10,000 and over be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. Acceptance of this donation is consistent with Government Code Section 25355.

The Department will issue a Director's License to the Upper District granting access to Rimgrove Park for the retrofit of the park's existing irrigations systems and the modification of domestic water to meet County of Los Angeles Public Health and State Health Department requirements for safe recycled water use. The Upper District will construct a pipeline system for recycled water connection to Suburban Water District and conveyance to Rimgrove Park for irrigation purposes.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Board Letter as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Rimgrove Park Recycled Water Conversion Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15302(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 2(e) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed project consists of replacement of existing structures.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department to accept a donation of an improvement project to be performed by the Upper District. The improvement project will consist of converting from potable water use to recycled water for irrigation purposes at Rimgrove Park, assisting in the conversation of potable water supplies with the Main San Gabriel Basin while providing the Department with a reliable source of water for irrigation.

The recommended actions will have no impact on any current services or projects at Rimgrove Park. Activities required to complete the work by the Upper District will be scheduled to ensure that there is no negative impact on patron services or scheduled events.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office and the Department of Parks and Recreation. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a letter of thanks to the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District for their generous donation in form similar to the attached draft letter (Attachment I) to:

Mr. Reymundo Trejo, P.E. Assistant General Manager Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District 602 E. Huntington Drive Suite B Monrovia, CA 91016

Should you have any questions please contact Bertha Ruiz-Hoffman at (213) 738-4624, or bruiz@parks.lacounty.gov, Norma E. Garcia at (213) 351-5198 or negarcia@parks.lacounty.gov, Elsi Mares at (213) 738-2986 or emares@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Enclosures

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors Chief Executive Officer County Counsel

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTERHEAD

July 2, 2013

Reymundo Trejo, P.E. Assistant General Manager Upper San Gabriel Valley Water District 602 E. Huntington Drive Suite B Monrovia, CA 91016

Dear Mr. Trejo:

At its meeting held on July 2, 2013, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors accepted with thanks, the donation of the recycled water retrofit project, valued at approximately \$100,000 from the Upper San Gabriel Valley Water District.

The Board members have requested that I express their sincere appreciation to the Upper San Gabriel Valley Water District for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

SACHI A. HAMAI Executive Officer